GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently launched Rajiv Gandhi National Creche Scheme for children of working mothers;

(b) if so, the details of the Scheme;

(c) the number of crÃ¨ches sanctioned under the Scheme and the amount earmarked for the same, State-wise; and

(d) the time by which the crÃ¨ches are likely to be established?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a) Yes, Sir. The new scheme started w.e.f.1.1.2006.

(b) The scheme provides financial assistance of Rs. 10,000/- per crÃ¨che at the start for infrastructure and Rs. 42,384/- per crÃ¨che per annum for recurring expenditure. Further details can be seen at www.wcd.nic.in.

(c) Under the scheme 23,834 crÃ¨ches are functioning across the country which included 17607 pre existing crÃ¨ches under the previous schemes. An amount of Rs.103.00 crore has been earmarked for the scheme for the year 2006-07. It is a central sector scheme, which is being implemented through Central Social Welfare Board and two national level organizations i.e. Indian Council for Child Welfare and Bhartiya Adimjati Sevak Sangh. Thus, there is no state-wise allocation.

(d) The scheme envisages setting up of 14719 new crÃ¨ches by the end of Tenth Five Year Plan, out of which 6227 new crÃ¨ches have already been sanctioned to these organizations.